are exempted from appearing in National Eligibility Test (NET). In case such candidates fail to obtain Ph. D. degree, they shall have to pass NET examination. Further, the candidates who have completed M. Phil. degree by 31st December, 1993 are exempted from appearing in NET examination. Government has recently set up a Committee to review the existing scheme of NET.

Reduction of Seats in Technical Courses

2184. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the AICTE rolled back from the reduction in seats it made in engineering, MCA and nursing colleges across the country;

(b) if so, the details of seats reduced initially and rolled back afterwards, State-wise;

(c) the reasons for reducing the number of seats in various colleges;

(d) whether seats have also been reduced in some Government colleges; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (e) The AICTE, in exercise of its mandate, insist on fulfillment of the requirements as per prescribed norms for imparting technical education by the institutions so that the quality of education delivered is not compromised. For the year 2005-06, the AICTE had undertaken a single comprehensive inspection of institutions. A number of deficiencies including shortage of faculty were observed by the AICTE. The Council decided to focus only on the most critical deficiency i.e. shortage of faculty and accordingly, the seats were reduced.

The number of seats reduced during 2005-06 in MCA were 7620 and in Engineering and Technology institutes were 27164. The Nursing colleges do not come under the purview of AICTE. The institutions were given opportunity to seek restoration of intake upto their sanctioned intake of 2004-05, if they make up the deficiency in faculty and intimated the Council. Meanwhile, AICTE has restored 22807 seats in Engineering and Technology institutes and 5471 seats in MCA. The State-wise details of

seats reduced and subsequently restored are enclosed as Statement. (*See* below).

Considering the inherent delay in recruitment process in Government colleges, no seats were reduced.

Statement

Reduction of seats in technical courses

Reduction in intake and subsequent restoration of seats in technical institutes for the Year 2005-2006

State	MCA		Engg. & Tech.	
	No. of Seats Reduced	No. of Seats Restored	No. of Seats Reduced	No. of Seats Restored
Gujarat	435	360	150	105
Madhya Pradesh	610	435	780	600
Orissa	1025	900	1471	1270
West Bengal	150	120	1194	950
Uttar Pradesh	1360	435	1905	1380
Uttaranchal	120	60	15	—
Delhi	65	65	—	—
Haryana	370	330	510	510
Punjab	285	135	795	720
Rajasthan	165	165	420	420
Andhra Pradesh	1370	1135	5042	3701
Tamil Nadu	220	181	4826	4296
Kerala	150	105	870	870
Karnataka	725	640	3699	3399
Maharashtra	570	405	5427	4526
Goa			60	60
TOTAL:	7620	5471	27164	22807